

KEOKUK DAM AS NAVIGATION AID

Lake of 100 Square Miles, 65 Miles Long, at Same Depth all the Time.

Extending from Keokuk to above Burlington, in the Mississippi river, is a lake of a hundred square miles area which science keeps at the same level regardless of the fluctuations of the mighty river. Whether the Mississippi is down to very low water, or up to flood stage and reaching for the tops of the levees below Keokuk, the surface of the lake above the Keokuk dam remains where it is desired. This is true for the whole hundred square miles of lake at the lower stages of the river, and for high water times it is true for about half the lake that between Keokuk and Fort Madison.

This is accomplished by opening and closing a variable number of the 119 gates in the dam stretching across the Mississippi for nine-tenths of a mile. These gates conform to government requirements for the benefit of navigation.

A large part of the engineering in the Mississippi at Keokuk was not required for the developing of the water-power there, but was compelled by the war department for the good of navigation in the river. These government requirements were very strict and cost the company millions of dollars, but no friction resulted between the company and the war department during construction. In fact the army officer immediately in charge is on record that the company spent a large sum on things needed which could not be demanded by the war department.

The lake is perhaps the greatest single improvement ever made in the Mississippi, except possibly the jetties at its mouth. It affords deep water navigation for sixty-five miles of water with little current, and steamboats save two hours time between Keokuk landing and upriver points as compared with former conditions. In this lake is the only really deep water in the upper Mississippi—deep enough to carry vessels capable of going on through the Panama canal without breaking cargo.

The fact that the lake level is kept stationary for weeks at a time during the navigation is of great advantage to the various cities and towns on its shores. The great difficulty about river terminals on the Mississippi is that a dock will be out in deep water this week and a hundred feet or more inland next week. Terminal docks on the lake may be built of one fixed height above the water, with much advantage to loading and unloading steamboats by those power cranes which are essential to an enlarged river traffic.

All the water in the river goes on past Keokuk, and none of it is consumed or destroyed there—except what is used for tea, coffee and bathtubs by the Keokuk people. The dam does not have any effect on navigation below Keokuk, either favorable or unfavorable.

All the land submerged by forming the lake in the Mississippi above Keokuk was bought from the owners, and although over nine hundred farmers were settled with by amicable agreement, only a half dozen went into court about the damages—and none of these litigants were given more by the jury than the company had offered them in advance.

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ROCK ISLANDER TO MOVE TO FLORIDA



William M. Reck.

William M. Reck, one of Rock Island's leading citizens and business men, and for years of the firm of L. S. McCabe & Co., has decided to locate in the new town of Sebring, De Soto county, Florida, and to this end will leave Rock Island next week for the south.

Mr. Reck has purchased a general store in Sebring, and his son Herbert F. R. Reck has been there for a month in charge, and later contemplates engaging in the practice of law there. Mrs. Reck and daughter, Miss Winifred, will follow at the close of the school year when the latter graduates from the high school here.

Mr. Reck, although a resident of Rock Island for 39 years, has been lured away from his old home by the charms of the south. Having visited Sebring and investigated its environs and attractions as well as its advantages, he finds its opportunities so promising and its prospects so inviting as to his mind to be irresistible, and hence his decision to cut away from the old ties here and stake his fortune with the new born town in the southland.

Sebring is not yet three years old. It was laid out and founded by the Sebring brothers, who originally founded a model town by a similar name in Ohio which is thriving beyond all anticipations. Such a town is what they propose to make of Sebring, Florida, which already has street pavement, cement walks, electric lights, a waterworks system and a scientific system of sewerage. It has churches and schools of modern design, two hotels and a theatre, a chautauqua tabernacle with seating for 3,500 people, together with 30 cottages in beautifully laid out grounds.

Sebring being on the borders of a beautiful lake three miles wide and five miles long is situated on the high ridge of Florida beyond the swamps and mosquitoes, and is destined to be a winter resort of national renown. It is surrounded by grape fruit, orange and tangerine groves, and is an ideal section of the country for human habitation. It is 2 miles south of Jacksonville, the nearest important cities being Tampa and Palm Beach.

Mr. Reck, who now goes to this beautiful country to make his home, has resided in Rock Island 39 years of his life. He was born in Rochester, Pa., son of the late Professor Henry Reck of Augustana college. The family on coming to Illinois first located in Jacksonville and then in Paxton, Ill., before coming to Rock Island. For 27 years Mr. Reck has been connected with the McCabe store and has grown with it. He is a member of the Rock Island club, the Rock Island Business Men's association, of Rock Island Commandery 17, Knights Templar, is a Shriner, and a member of the Broadway Presbyterian church, and has been superintendent of its Sunday school for years.

Mr. Reck is, in a word, one of Rock Island's foremost and representative citizens. Mrs. Reck has likewise taken a deep interest in the institutions that make for the city's betterment, such as the Woman's club, Musical and Art clubs and the city beautiful contest, so that the going of the family from Rock Island will cause general and sincere regret.

CARBON CLIFF.

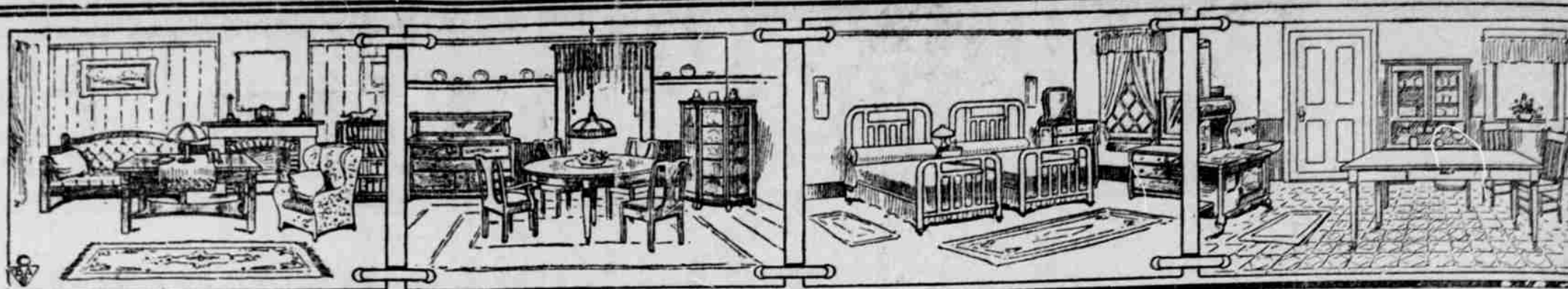
Dr. and Mrs. Jennings of Omaha, Neb., visited the past week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs. James Irvin of Coalton, spent a few days this week at his home here. Frank Kleinau, Jr., of Geneseo, spent Sunday with home folks. Lewis Weitz, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stokler and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stokler, visited at Moline Saturday. Albert Roseman spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Muscatine.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beardsley and children, Fannie, Willie, and Alfred of Coal Valley, spent Sunday with Beardsley's brother, Lou Roseman and family.

Miss Margaret Larson of Silvis, visited Sunday at the Harry Freymeyer home. Mrs. Collins Deweese and daughter, Jane, of East Moline, and Colonel John Deweese of Moline, spent Sunday at the George Lewis home.

Monday afternoon on the school grounds the school trustees auctioned off the old two-story school building. It went to the highest bidder, Peter Christenson for the sum of \$205.

Little James Benson while playing met with a painful accident Friday afternoon.



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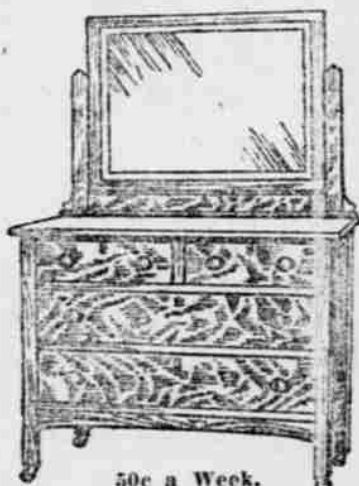
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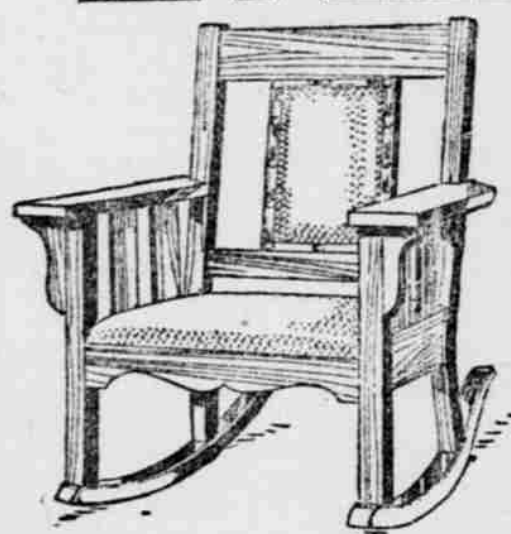
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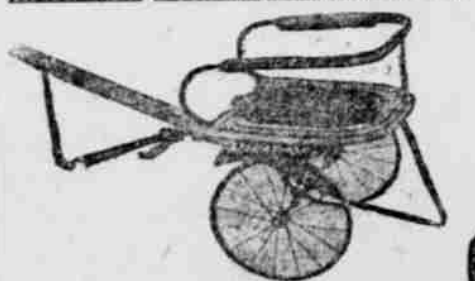
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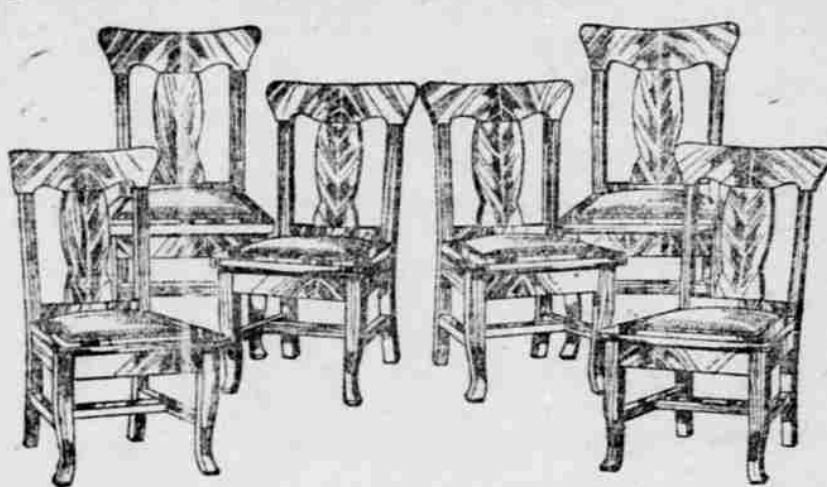
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An all steel folding sulky, large wheels and rubber tires, nicely painted special .. **\$1.39**

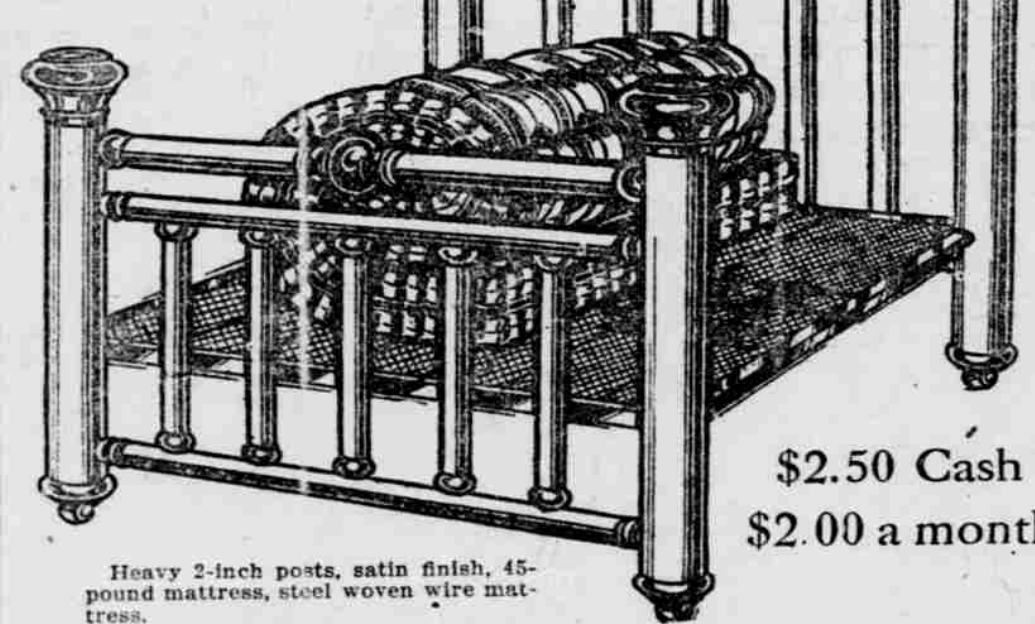
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It's not often that a value like this is offered. The chair is just like cut, made of solid oak, heavily made and has genuine leather seats, set of 6 .. **\$10.50**
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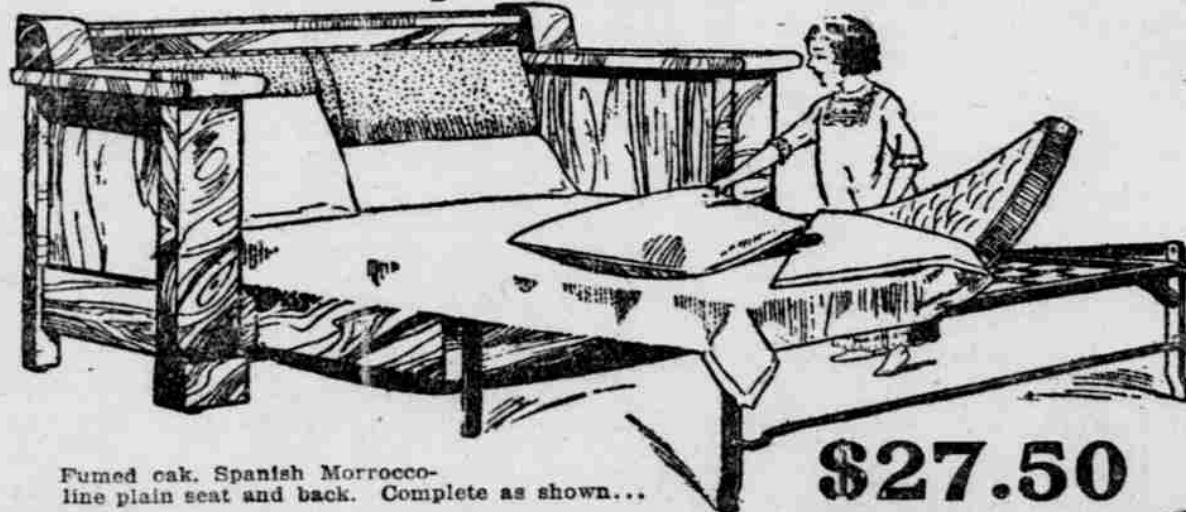
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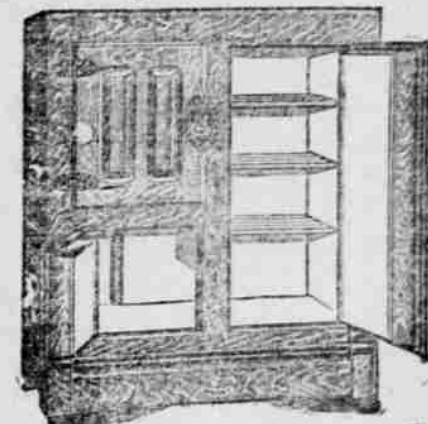


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SHERRARD

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron of Matherville are the parents of a baby boy who arrived at the home of Mrs. James Dodds at Sherrard Saturday morning. Mrs. Cameron was formerly Miss Josie Stephens of Sherrard and made her home much of the time with Mrs. Dodds.

Elmer Lally left Saturday for a visit with relatives and friends at Colchester, Good Hope and Macomb.

Mrs. Patton and children of Peoria returned to their home after five days' visit with Mrs. William Hodges, the former's sister.

Mrs. Robert McWhorter left Monday for Canada after a month's visit with her mother Mrs. James Dodds. Her mother accompanied her as far as Rock Island.

Miss Mabel Sherrard returned home Monday from East Moline, where she had visited with Mrs. George Nitz.

James O'Meara went to Taylor Ridge Tuesday for a visit at the home of Henry Wilson.

Mrs. Hans Jensen and children and her sister Maria of Blue Island, who has been visiting her for two weeks, left for Blue Island Wednesday. Mrs. Jensen will be gone about three weeks.

Thomas McCann of Moline visited at the John O'Meara home Tuesday. He returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Thomas Lanham returned home last week from Iowa where she visited at various places.

Wm. Morgan returned to Canton Monday after a visit here.

William Kelly visited with James Bryson and family at Nekomis, Ill., last week.

Charles Sass of Matherville visited with his daughters, Mrs. William Bell and Mrs. Walter Volk for several days.

Verse Mistaken for Poetry.

It is curious how persistent the belief is that rhyme constitutes poetry. J. A. Stewart quotes a stanza from a battle hymn by Burns and inquires whether it is mediocre and how much of it depends on dialect. It does not depend on dialect, and it is not mediocre.

but it is not poetry; it is rhetorical verse. The lines:

A fig for those by laws protected;
Liberty's a glorious feast;
Courts for cowards were erected.
Churches built to please the priest.

have not the faintest suggestion of poetry; they merely make a terse statement in rhyme.

To most people everything that rhymes is a "piece of poetry," even to "Thirty days has September" and other jingles of the kind. No definition of poetry will help. The only true knowledge of the matter comes by instinct—London Chronicle.

All the news all the time—The Argus.